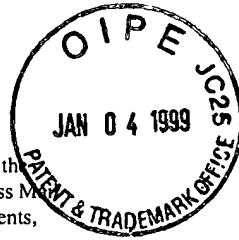


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Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Form FB-A820 have come to the attention of Applicants and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238 on June 16, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,735,893 on April 7, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721 on February 18, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154 on May 7, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9, 1993 (now abandoned) which is a file-wrapper-continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/783,558 filed October 28, 1991 (now abandoned).

Additionally, the present application is related to U.S. Serial No. 08/214,402 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,421,955 on June 6, 1995, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 (above referenced), and to U.S. Serial No. 08/783,033 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,728,158 on March 17, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 (above referenced), and to U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238 on June 16, 1998 and is also a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 (above referenced), and U.S. Serial No. 09/084,797 filed May 26, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 (above referenced).

A copy of the listed documents can be found in some or all of the applications referenced above. It is requested that the Examiner consider the referenced material and initial Form FB-A820 for each reference.

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